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DETHRONE THE PARASITE.

One of our readers who takes a lively interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of our great commonwealth has requested us to launch a crusade against a certain pesky parasite that has risen to unmerited prominence in Oklahoma. Being opposed to the whole parasite family and our attention having been called to this piece of affricatory on the part of said parasite, we hasten to hop to the high and holy undertaking as eagerly as a hungry kitten attacks a bowl of hot milk.

At this particular moment we are not referring to those human parasites who reap where they have not sown, and live on the fat of the land by mooching on the labors of other people. That's another story, as Mr. Kipling would say. The parasite involved in the present case is the plant which is popularly known as the mistletoe or, scientifically speaking, "Phoradendron flavescens." (If you think there is any danger of dislocating your jaw, don't try to pronounce that.)

We have serious doubts whether any large proportion of our intelligent population is aware of the fact that the mistletoe by state legislative enactment has been awarded the high honor of being the state flower of Oklahoma, although its battling average in the flower league is no better than that of the doodlebug larry. We feel sure that if this bit of information were generally diffused, the populace would rise up in indignation and wrath against such an outrage, demanding that the legislators who committed the crime be lynched.

Just think of it for a moment, fellow citizens and freemen. A miserable plant that spends all its days on earth sponging off of some industrious tree, of which it is the unbidden house guest, is elevated to one of the loftiest positions within the gift of a commonwealth which is a bee hive of industry. Isn't that enough to make your blood boil? How long shall we suffer such a thing to be?

We are not saying that the mistletoe doesn't come in handy at Christmas time, but at that it serves no purpose except the merely decorative or to enable some foolish lad to brush the paint off the cheeks of some sweet juvenile with his lips, all of which comes under the category of the unessential.

Is it in keeping with the eternal fitness of things, yea more fellow citizens, we say it is right that we should be compelled to pay tribute to such a

trifling whelp while the beautiful alfalfa blossom and the glorious cotton blossom are relegated to the rear, un-honored and unused? Nay, verily, Paulina, it is a monstrous thing, a crime against aesthetics, an offense against justice, a reflection on our fair state, and we call on all patriots and lovers of fair play to join us in the hue and cry, "Down with the mistletoe!"

SELECTING SEED.

No effort that a farmer can put forth will repay him so handsomely as effort expended in selecting the seed he plants. And yet, of all the multitudinous efforts that make up the sum of farming operations, it is doubtful if any is so widely and persistently neglected. Not until the late Colonel Exall began his splendid crusade was anything done in this respect. All seeds seemed to look alike to Texas farmers; and, indeed, they do look alike, or so nearly alike that a casual glance will disclose no difference in appearance between any but the very worst and the very best. Hence it was the practice to act on the assumption that the difference between the best seed and that of average quality was not great enough to be worth the trouble of selection. That our deficiencies in production are attributable chiefly to the neglect of this important matter there can be no doubt, and it is equally indubitable that the progress made lately in the way of increasing yields has been due to the greater care that is being shown in the selection of seeds.

But the care that is even now customarily shown is far less than ought to be shown. Still only a majority of the farmers, and a small minority at that, think it worth any considerable trouble to plant the best seeds that are obtainable. Hence Col. P. L. Downs of Temple is rendering a genuine public service in offering premiums on conditions designed to quicken the interest of Bell county farmers in seed selection. Better cultural methods are still necessary if farming is to be made as profitable as it ought to be. But more painstaking care in the selection of seed is fundamentally more important than that. In the matter of wasted energy, what can exceed that of spending months in the cultivation of anemic seeds when robust ones are obtainable at little cost? If we should discover some one cultivating ground that had never been planted we should probably feel under the duty of suggesting the need of an inquiry as to the sanity of the man so discovered. And yet this folly would differ only in degree, and not in quality, from that of the man who spends his labor in cultivating seed of low germinating strength.—Dallas News.

WHAT A LIBRARY DOES.

The New York Libraries, a library publication, sets forth the following as "What a Library Does for a Town": Completes its educational equipment, carrying on and giving permanent value to the work of the schools. Gives the children of all classes a chance to know and love the best in literature. Without the public library such a chance is limited to the few. Minimizes the sale and reading of vicious literature in the community, thus promoting mental and moral health.

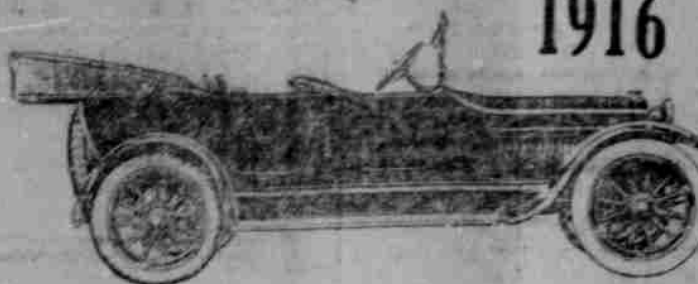
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A STOLEN SMILE'R TWO.

Took No Chances.
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When war was declared messages were sent the commanding officers in all parts of the world where Great Britain had possessions to arrest alien enemies. These messages were not

always clear and one which went to a very out of the way corner of the British empire read "War has been declared. Arrest all enemy aliens in your district."

With commendable promptitude the colonial office in London received the following reply: "Have arrested seven Germans, four Russians, two Frenchmen, five Italians, two Roumanians and one American. With whom are we at war?"

A Case of Make-Up.
"Mrs. Judkin read a paper before the suffrage club yesterday afternoon."

"Did it show careful preparation?"

"No; but Mrs. Judkin did."

Wisdom in Paying Just Demands.
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Good afternoon, have you found your gate yet?

However, ghosts will be ghosts on Halloween and what's the use to be peeved?

St Simp says he notices that it always sweetens his coffee when he puts sugar into it.

But who would be so cruel as to deny to the egotist his dividends of self satisfaction?

And can you remember the time when you ever had any bitter regrets over doing a kind deed?

One the whole the old song writer was no doubt right about it: It is better to laugh than to frown."

Package dope is so scarce today that we are strongly tempted to start the early Christmas shopping campaign.

Our candid opinion is that Judge Grigsby went down into his stock of canned humor to dig up his latest jokes on the mayor.

One Chickasha man says he doesn't mind the taste of it, but he can't enjoy a grape fruit juice shower bath in the face every time he eats one of the things.

There is a certain Chickasha woman who says her husband won't let her buy a dress out of town and she is sensible enough to obey his stern command. We need more men and women like that in this town.

TRIUMPHANT.

If you have grown gray in the battles of life,
Have conquered no foe save yourself
In the strife,
You have fought a good fight;

If you have kept faith with a life that is high,
Though lowly your lot, you are better thereby,
And are nearer the light.

If you have kept step down the long, weary lane,
And have sung on the way,
With hand on God's hand though the years may be long—

Though the years may be few, you can sing a glad song
At the close of the day,
No effort is lost though the end may not be

The cry of our soul, or our heart's ecstasy,
Our longings fulfilled;
But he who can hold through the vastness of space
The pulse of the world, can our destiny place

As best to his will.
—Margaret Tackett Forsee.

"SAFETY FIRST."

(Contributed.)

All authorities agree that the fewer people who walk in the streets the less liability to accidents from vehicles in the streets.

Some people contend that the sidewalks were constructed for those who walk, and the streets constructed for horses and vehicles. Other people by their actions, contend different, by walking in the streets, even jay-walking.

If you have to walk in the street, be courteous to people in vehicles. The law forbids them going on the sidewalk.

If in a vehicle stop anywhere you want to, hand out no red light, then cuss the fellow out who runs into your vehicle. This is right, because the streets don't belong to you entirely, you have your rights the same as others.

The faster 10c service cars run, the more automobiles they will pass.

Children should be permitted to play in the streets from 4 o'clock a. m. to 4:15 o'clock a. m. each morning, when all other traffic is dead or idle.

Remember that most courts have held that if you are within your rights, complying with the law, using good judgment and acting with caution you will not likely be at fault if an accident occurs.

Daily Thought.

This seems to me a great truth, in any exile or chaos whatsoever, that sorrow was not given us for sorrow's sake, but always and infallibly as a lesson to us from which we are to learn somewhat, and which, the somewhat once learned, ceases to be sorrow.—Thomas Carlyle.

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Sounds of Nature.

The inhabitants of a frog pond close at hand awakened two little girls who were spending the first night in the country. First came the high piping voice of a little "peeper." "What's that?" whispered Winnie. "I think it's a bird," ventured Susan. Just then a basso profundo frog sung one of his lowest tones. "What's that?" came another startled whisper. "I ain't quite sure," came the answer, "but I think it is either a cow or an automobile."

BEWARE OF CHEAP SUBSTITUTES.

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